

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR EVANGELIST: Again I am in the state of Ohio on my mission. At the pleasant home of brother Martin Shively, I write this. Since my last writing I have visited quite a number of churches. I was then at Warsaw, and from there I went to North Manchester. I found the Society doing fairly well. It has some earnest active workers, but not so many as it ought to have. O that there were more active, and less passive christianity in our hearts! My next point was Roann, and there the Society, which is one of the oldest in the brotherhood, is doing nicely. There are some faithful ones there who never yield to discouragements, but who press bravely on, in His name. Next I visited Mexico, and there I regret to say the Society was taking a rest. We did what we could to wake them up, and an appointment was made for reorganization. From Mexico I went to Twelve Mile, and there I found a very nice class of members, and a very nice church house. There they had a Ladies Aid Society, but without any hesitation, they accepted the S. S. C. E. constitution. Brother Ross was also at Twelve Mile on his mission, and assisted in the services, but did not begin his own work until mine was done. On Monday I went to Eaton, where last year I had organized a Society. I found them earnest and active in their work, and enjoyed it very much. Even at this busy time of the year, with spring sewing, house cleaning, etc., these sisters find time to meet and work one and two days each week. And yet this is a country Society with members widely scattered. O the beautiful earnestness, enthusiasm and self-sacrifice that is found in some Christian lives! O that our hearts might learn that Christ not only was good, but that he *did* good. So must we if our lives shall be beautiful like Christ's life.

Next I visited Oakville, another new point. There they have quite a good congregation, but have no Society. They however were not unwilling to enter upon the work, and we effected an organization of fifteen members.

From Oakville, I came into Ohio, visiting first the West Alexandria church. There the S. S. C. E. is not large, but it has done quite a good work. For a time during the winter, sickness prevented them from meeting regularly, but now they are doing active work again, and they feel that the Society is a blessing to their church.

From there, I came to Winchester, and too much can not be said in praise of the

work done by this Society, in the improvements made upon the church house. The house has been papered and a new carpet,—twenty seven yards—on the floor. They have reason to feel proud and gratified over the achievements of these eleven months of their existence as an S. S. C. E. They meet once each week, and in addition to this, do some work of the Society in their homes.

I regret that I cannot visit all the churches and Societies, but the field is large and my time limited. I shall remain in Ohio only nine days yet, then return to Indiana, and after a few days rest, will go west.

All in all, I am very much encouraged in the work. In spite of the hardness of the times financially, I have, thanks to the generosity of the churches—more than covered travelling expenses by collections.

Hoping that the work everywhere may prosper, I am, Yours in the blessed hope,

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

WHAT CAN THE SISTERS OF CALIFORNIA DO IN THE NATIONAL S. S. C. E. WORK?

DAISY RONK.

Let the sisters of California work as for time and eternity. Let them work, thinking of the conversion of the world, for which God "gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

O, let us work with a willing heart! Arise at duty's call, and work with the National S. S. C. E. Can it not truly be said that they are working for the salvation of souls, when they lend their aid to support the Theological department in Ashland University, where consecrated young men may be prepared to undertake the duties of the Christian ministry? O, what a great work! It is a wonderful opportunity for doing good. We read in the word of God, Gal. 6: 10, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Then, the spiritual welfare of our own selves, is a very important part of the work. That we may "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." II Pet. 3: 18.

Now, I know there are some who are better informed about this work than I am,—for I am not a member of this organization,—but I am very much in sympathy with it, and would do all in my power to advance the cause in this place, should the sisters conclude to organize. We had this subject presented to our minds three years ago, but the sisters thought we were too badly scattered to do any thing. But

I say let us try, and with God's help we surely shall succeed.

Now I understand that we have three-fourths of our money, (according to the constitution) for our own use, that is, for home missionary work. We all realize how much we need money for that. O, how we do need preachers right at home. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Our hearts rejoice when we read of the conversion of so many souls in the eastern states. "Where do we need consecrated Christian workers more than we do in California, where the work of the evil one is seen on every side?"

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say he died for all.
If you can not be the watchman
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what heaven demands,
You can be like faithful Aaron
Holding up the prophet's hands.
Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly,
Let his work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly, when he calleth,
Here am I, send me, send me.

Let us work, work, "while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work." "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10: 31.

Not seeking our "own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."
Turlock, Cal.

JESUS HUMAN.

One reason for the manhood of Christ is the ground afforded for the affectionate confidence of his people in troubles and temptations. He is man, therefore He can feel with us. Who has not admitted it a hundred times? Sweet is His human name, Jesus! There are moments when it is the sweetest of His names, and when among His "many crowns" the loveliest is His human crown of thorns. As God he could, indeed, approach us, but how could we approach Him? This is the very door to the inner sanctuary. "For we have not a High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." He was wearied, was wasted, was in tears and blood, was in temptation and death. In our hour of anguish it is of infinite consolation to resort to Christ's wounded humanity, and to bear our sufferings under the recollection that He has borne the same.—J. W. Alexander, D. D.